

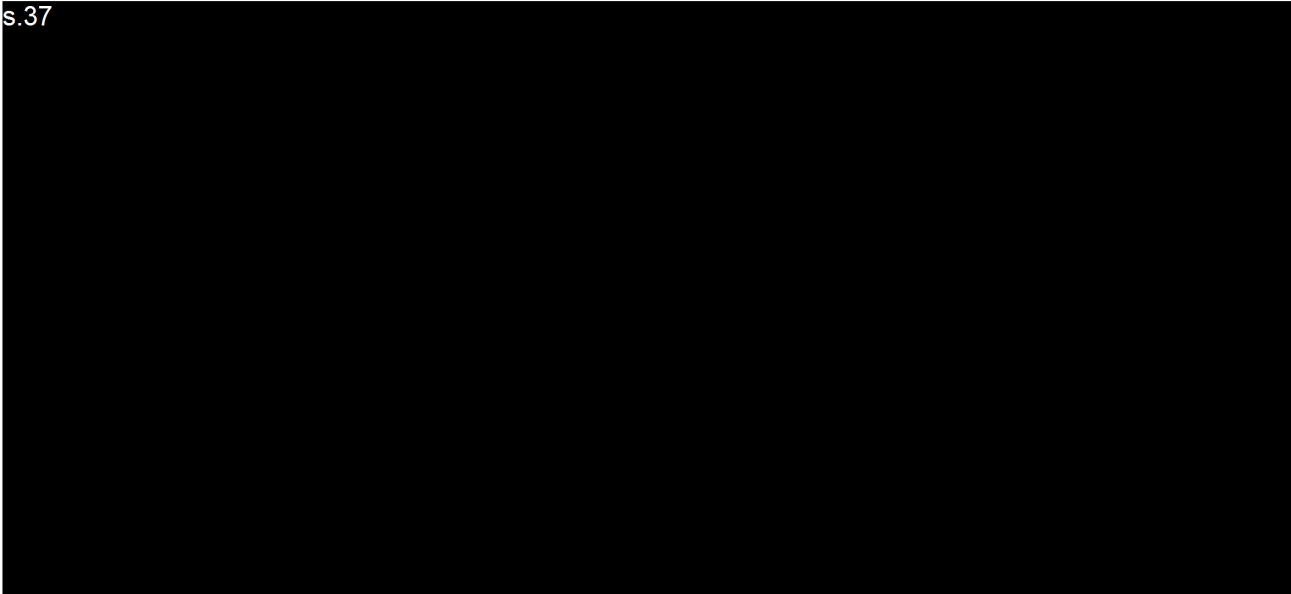
RE: Advocacy Report Input

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More to come this afternoon possibly, but is what I have. I've been flash reporting directly to WSHDC but it will be helpful to get this out more widely today if possible.

Please know that I could really benefit from a proof-reader today.

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Security & Border:

Border Blockade: DTROT is engaging extensively with political and business interlocutors around the evolving conditions at two key Canada-US crossings, the Bluewater Bridge between Port Huron and Sarnia and the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor. The Canadian blockades produced significant impacts in Michigan within hours and those impacts and voices calling for a resolution have grown steadily throughout the week. The first closure was on Sunday, Feb. 6 when US-bound traffic was shut down at the Bluewater Bridge due to protests on Canada's Hwy 402. Outbound bridge traffic was closed for about 10 hours, re-opening Sunday evening. Since then traffic has moved at this crossing, however significant delays are being experienced, especially for Canada-bound traffic that is being rerouted from the Ambassador Bridge.

On Monday, Feb 7 protesters descended on the roadways to and from the Ambassador Bridge in Windsor, slowing then stopping traffic by about 7pm. Inbound traffic from the US has remained shut since then, although mid-day Friday brought media reports that one inbound lane may reopen. Outbound traffic to the US across the bridge has been significantly reduced and intermittently closed. In normal times this bridge handles 7000 trucks per day, with many drivers making 2-3 turns per day, so the closure has produced severe congestion on the Michigan freeway system. As the closure lengthens industry is reporting manufacturing production disruptions with companies, unions, trade associations issuing calls for a resolution. On Wednesday, **the Canada-US Business Association (CUSBA)** a Detroit-Windsor based group, published a [statement](#) signed by several dozen chambers

and groups from both countries calling for a swift and immediate clearing of the Windsor-Detroit Ambassador Bridge blockade and a timely re-opening of the bridge. On Thursday, the [Teamsters Union](#) denounced the blockade. Also on Thursday, Governor Whitmer [issued a statement](#) on the blockade, calling on Canada to re-open the border. Several Michigan elected officials have commented on social media expressing a range of sentiments. WSHDC & DTROT are coordinating on engagement with political and business stakeholders, as well as facilitating media engagement.

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Hi CC,

Forwarding Anne's advo input for your awareness as you prepare your input.

Thanks,

Jess

From: Cascadden, Anne -DTROT -TD <anne.cascadden@international.gc.ca>
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Hi Jessica

Meetings regarding Ambassador Bridge blockade/ protest impacts.

I participated in the meetings with HOM.

Feb 10 – HOM/Comartin met with Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce President/ Baruah and MichAUTO VP/ Stevens to encourage communication to membership and elected officials that Canada has been a reliable supply partner to the U.S. for energy, manufactured goods, agri – food and more and intends to continue for decades to come. He strongly discourages soundbites to the contrary. DRCC/Baruah committed to communicating to membership and government. HOM advised that all 3 levels of government are working to end this disruptive protest. He advised that it is highly unlikely that the Gov't would call in the army to secure the Bridge. Baruah expects a parallel protest in the U.S. to commence as early as this weekend.

Feb. 11 – HOM/Comartin met with Origan Equipment Suppliers Association President/ Fream and parent Motor Equipment Suppliers Association Sr. VP/Wilson to discuss border blockade /protest issue and the direct impacts to the automotive industry – OEMs and suppliers. HOM encouraged communication to membership and elected officials that Canada has been a reliable supply partner to the U.S. for energy, manufactured goods, agri-food and more and intends to continue for decades to come.

HOM advised that if the Ontario Government were to invoke a state of emergency then it would have the right to revoke driver's licenses from the protestors who are unwilling to cooperate and move.

HOM/Comartin advised that the 3 levels of government are working to resolve this matter in a non-violent manner. He explained the injunction process.

OESA/Fream asked about the likelihood that Prime Minister Trudeau would issue a state of emergency and was "shocked" that this is unlikely to happen.

In an unofficial poll of about 60 OESA members, as of Feb. 10th 30% were already impacted by the border blockade and this will increase to at least 50% by Monday. OESA Canadian members already preparing force majeure measures.

MEMA/Wilson shares HOM/Comartin concerns about mid to long term impacts of this disruption on Canadian supply chain and investment.

MEMA/OESA agreed to assist with communicating to membership and will include HOM/Comartin's suggestions.

MEMA/Wilson to meet with American Trucking Association and share Canadian messaging and

explain impacts of the protest to ATA members with the goal of discouraging members from supporting the protest.

Jessica, please contact me if you have any questions and please feel free to edit as you see fit.

Thank you,
Anne